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# WRAP Organics Funding Guide 2009



A summary of the funding sources available for bio-energy, food waste processing and similar environmentally beneficial schemes

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## 1.0 Introduction

This guide lists potential sources of capital grant funding for organisations in the UK seeking to establish or expand food waste processing activities, such as composting or anaerobic digestion. It is an updated version of the original guide, published in June 2008.

This document is structured as follows:

### Grants for environmental improvement

Some of these mention composting or anaerobic digestion specifically, others are aimed at wider types of environmental improvement, but a food waste processing venture may fit their eligibility criteria eg through renewable energy generation from anaerobic digestion.

### Grants aimed at business development

These grants are generally not aimed at food waste processing or any other environmental improvements in particular, but any type of new business may fit the eligibility criteria for one or more of these.

### Grants aimed at research

These grants are unlikely to fund the capital costs of establishing a commercial food waste processing business, but may be suitable for any proposed research work into food waste processing.

### Other support

This section lists some relevant searchable grant databases and provides links to useful organisations and resources.

Some grants can be match funded against each other, although many of them constitute state aid, for which there are maximum rates of support allowable. For more information on this, see:

- [www.berr.gov.uk/bbf/state-aid/rules/index.html](http://www.berr.gov.uk/bbf/state-aid/rules/index.html)
- [www.stateaidscotland.gov.uk](http://www.stateaidscotland.gov.uk)
- <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/businessandeconomy/stateaid/identify/?lang=en>

The list of funding sources in this guide is not exhaustive, but does come from an intensive search made in October 2009. To find the latest information, the web links given for each fund should be followed and also grant databases listed in the final section should be used.

## 2.0 WRAP Funding

This guide does not include exhaustive details of all the support WRAP offers. For more information on this, you should check the website [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk). Support ranges from capital grant schemes which have a defined timescale through to the products offered by the Business & Markets team. More details on what is offered and how to apply can be found on the relevant pages on the website.

## 3.0 Grants for food waste processing

### 3.1 DECC Bioenergy capital grant scheme

Capital grants for new 'energy from biomass' installations, including anaerobic digestion of farm wastes / feedstocks, for heat only or for combined heat and power.

Geographical coverage	England only
Types of applicants	Industrial, commercial and community sectors
Application deadline	Round 5 ended in April 2009, but another funding round is expected to be available in 2010.
Grant limits	There is a variable rate of up to 40% of the difference in cost of installing the

	plant compared to installing the fossil fuel alternative. Maximum £500,000 grant per installation, no minimum level set.
The scheme supports the installation of biomass-fuelled heat and combined heat and power (CHP) projects including anaerobic digesters for heat-only or CHP. Generally, anaerobic digestion schemes using farm biomass as a feedstock would be fundable from this programme and those using food waste as a feedstock would be fundable from the WRAP Organics Capital Grant programme; projects will not be funded by both.	
More information, application forms and guidance notes available from: <a href="http://www.bioenergycapitalgrants.org.uk">www.bioenergycapitalgrants.org.uk</a> All enquiries: email <a href="mailto:biocapitalgrants@aeat.co.uk">biocapitalgrants@aeat.co.uk</a>	

<b>3.2 Rural Development Programme for England 2007 – 2013 (RDPE)</b>	
Potential funding for food waste processing or similar activities in rural areas from various social and economic funding streams from the RDPE, administered by the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs).	
Geographical coverage	England only
Types of applicants	Organisations with projects in rural areas
Application deadline	Various
Grant limits	Various
<p>Each of the England regions has developed a Regional Implementation Programme under the RDPE and funding priorities have been set out by each of the RDAs. The funding from RDAs is aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Axis 1: improving the competitiveness of farmers and foresters</li> <li>■ Axis 2: improving the environment and the countryside.</li> <li>■ Axis 3: rural quality of life and diversification of the rural economy</li> <li>■ Axis 4: delivering a range of RDPE objectives through a community-led approach (the Leader approach).</li> </ul> <p>A wide range of activities can be funded including resource management and renewable energy generation. 'Farm-scale' anaerobic digestion is listed as a fundable activity by many of the RDAs; composting and other forms of food waste processing may also be fundable, particularly as a farm diversification activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Axis 1 funding is for 'farm modernisation'. Axis 1 funding can provide up to 50% (60% in Less Favoured Areas) of eligible costs, with no state aid de minimis limit. This funding stream may be available to farmers developing AD plants if the emphasis is in treating farm wastes and other benefits leading to farm modernisation. A criterion that is currently applied in these applications is that at least 50% of the electricity generated by the AD plant must be used by the farm, to be eligible for Axis 1 funding. Defra has asked the European Commission to amend this rule to refer to 50% of <u>all</u> benefits to the farm (including electricity, farm waste treatment, digestate spread to land etc). A decision is expected in late in 2009 or early 2010.</li> <li>■ Axis 2 is administered by Natural England and the Forestry Commission and is not suitable for food waste processing activities.</li> <li>■ Axis 3 funding is aimed at various types of rural development including farm diversification and establishment of rural micro businesses. AD and other organic waste processing plants may fall into these categories. Axis 3 funding can cover up to 20% of eligible costs for such applications, and is capped by the State Aid funding limit. This has been raised to € 500,000 until December 2010; after that the limit will revert to € 200,000. This limit applies to the total amount of state aid received by an organisation, not just funding from RDPE.</li> <li>■ Axis 4 funding is available for projects run by or through Local Action Groups in each region.</li> </ul> <p>For any project, potential applicants should contact the RDPE team at their RDA in the first instance.</p> <p>For more information about the RDPE generally: <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/rdpe/index.htm">www.defra.gov.uk/rural/rdpe/index.htm</a></p> <p>More information and contact details for RDPE funding from the RDAs are shown below.</p>	
<b>South East England</b>	<b>South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)</b> <a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/Work_in_the_Region/Rural_Issues/Rural_Development_Prog">www.seeda.co.uk/Work_in_the_Region/Rural_Issues/Rural_Development_Prog</a>

	<a href="#">ramme_for_England/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:rdpeenquiries@seeda.co.uk">rdpeenquiries@seeda.co.uk</a> or contact: John Heaton, RDPE Projects Assistant. Tel. 01483 500 769 Helen Dallas, RDPE Projects Coordinator. Tel. 01483 484 297
<b>South West England</b>	<b>South West of England Regional Development Agency</b> <a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/introduction.shtm">www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/introduction.shtm</a> Email: <a href="mailto:eafrd@southwestrda.org.uk">eafrd@southwestrda.org.uk</a> Tel. 01392 214747 South West of England Rural Development Gateway: <a href="http://www.sw-ruralgateway.info">www.sw-ruralgateway.info</a> Tel. 0845 600 9966
<b>East of England</b>	<b>East of England Development Agency (EEDA)</b> <a href="http://www.eeda.org.uk/rdpe.asp">www.eeda.org.uk/rdpe.asp</a> Email: <a href="mailto:DavidSillett@eeda.org.uk">DavidSillett@eeda.org.uk</a> Tel. 01986 798277 David Sillett covers: renewable energy, anaerobic digestion, managing water resources. Or, email: <a href="mailto:SaraHind@eeda.org.uk">SaraHind@eeda.org.uk</a> Tel. 01223 202834 Sara Hind oversees the Leader approach and Local Action Groups (LAGs).
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)</b> <a href="http://www.emda.org.uk/rdpe">www.emda.org.uk/rdpe</a> Contact Adrian Matthews, email: <a href="mailto:RDPE@emd.org.uk">RDPE@emd.org.uk</a> Tel. 0115 947 1797
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>Advantage West Midlands (AWM)</b> <a href="http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/rural-development-programme-for-england.aspx">www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/rural-development-programme-for-england.aspx</a> Email: <a href="mailto:jamieinglis@advantagewm.co.uk">jamieinglis@advantagewm.co.uk</a> Tel. 07824 542559 or one of the local contacts given on the above web page.
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humber</b>	<b>Yorkshire Forward</b> <a href="http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/rdpe">www.yorkshire-forward.com/rdpe</a> Sub-region Rural Business Facilitators for the RDPE: West Yorkshire and west part of North Yorkshire: Email: <a href="mailto:Louise.Hardcastle@Yorkshire-Forward.com">Louise.Hardcastle@Yorkshire-Forward.com</a> Tel. 0113 394 9986 South Yorkshire & Humber: Email: <a href="mailto:Chris.Franklin@Yorkshire-Forward.com">Chris.Franklin@Yorkshire-Forward.com</a> Tel. 07966 622059 East part of North Yorkshire: Email: <a href="mailto:Helen.Ovens@Yorkshire-Forward.com">Helen.Ovens@Yorkshire-Forward.com</a> Tel. 0113 394 9644  Two particular programmes under the Rural Development Programme in Yorkshire and Humberside are: Farm Resource Efficiency Programme (FREP) FREP offers grants for renewable energy and manure management equipment on farms in the region. Support can be paid at a rate of up to 40% against eligible expenditure; applications for grant investment should be between £1,500 and £25,000. <a href="http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/rural-businesses/funding/frep">www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/rural-businesses/funding/frep</a>  Rural Enterprise Investment Programme (REIP) REIP is open to start-ups, businesses which want to expand, and partner organisations. The percentage of funding available will generally range between 30% and 40% of the total project cost, and is dependent on the type of activity being funded. The upper limit for funding varies, depending on the type of activity proposed, although private match-funding is always required. <a href="http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/rural-businesses/funding/reip">www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/rural-businesses/funding/reip</a>
<b>North East</b>	<b>One NorthEast (ONE)</b> <a href="http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/rural/rdpe.cfm">www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/rural/rdpe.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.rdpenortheast.co.uk/">www.rdpenortheast.co.uk/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:Christine.doherty@onenortheast.co.uk">Christine.doherty@onenortheast.co.uk</a> Tel. 0191 229 6862
<b>North West</b>	<b>Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA)</b> <a href="http://www.nwda.co.uk/rdpe">www.nwda.co.uk/rdpe</a> Email: <a href="mailto:rdpe@nwda.co.uk">rdpe@nwda.co.uk</a> Tel. 01768 861306 / 861321

### 3.3 Rural Development Contracts - Rural Priorities (RDC - RP) (Scotland)

This is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 (SRDP) and could potentially fund anaerobic digestion, composting or similar activities in rural areas.

This fund is suitable for projects that are on or near farms.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Any individual or organisation with a project in a rural area
Application deadline	Rolling programme
Grant rate	Various

Rural Development Contracts - Rural Priorities (RDC - RP) is an integrated funding mechanism which will deliver targeted environmental, social and economic benefits. Rural Priorities is a competitive mechanism to ensure that contracts are awarded for the proposals which are best able to deliver the agreed regional priorities. The regional priorities are shown on web pages for each of the eleven regions, accessed from the main RDC – RP website (see below).

As well as meeting the regional priorities, funding proposals need to identify the overall options that they will deliver:

- Axis 1 - improving the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry by supporting restructuring, development and innovation. Relevant options include: *manure/ slurry treatment, renewable energy including combined heat and power.*
- Axis 2 - improving the environment and the countryside by supporting land management (unlikely to be relevant for food waste processing or similar).
- Axis 3 - improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of economic activity. Relevant options include: *diversification outwith agriculture, support for non land-based renewable energy, development/creation of micro-enterprises.*

For more information and explanation of how to apply: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities)  
All enquiries, see: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/RPContactUs](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/RPContactUs)

### 3.4 Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Scheme (Scotland)

This is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 (SRDP) and could potentially fund food waste processing, especially if part of a larger food business development plan.

This fund is suitable for projects that are not on or near farms.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Processing and Marketing Support Individuals, organisations or groups involved in the production or sale of food. Except in Assisted Areas, support is offered only to micro, small and medium sized enterprises. The food co-operation support is available only to groups of at least two organisations involved in food processing /production.
Application deadline	The application assessment committee meet four times a year.
Grant limits	For processing and marketing support, the maximum rate of total aid will be up to 50% of total eligible costs in convergence areas and up to 40% in non-convergence areas. For food co-operation support, maximum aid is generally 50% of eligible costs.

The Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation (FPMC) scheme aims to help Scottish food producers, food processors, retailers and the food service sector work together to identify, inform and meet market demand, drawing on business advice and sharing resources and experience to develop ideas, control costs and increase incomes.

The scheme provides three types of support:

- **Capital Grants:** provides for assistance towards the construction of buildings and purchase of plant and



equipment.

- **Non-capital Grants:** provides for assistance with a range of projects including market research and consultancy, product development and consumer education material.
- **Co-operation Grants:** provides for support to aid co-operation, collaboration and development within the food chain.

For more information:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/ProcessingandMarketing](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/ProcessingandMarketing)

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Food-Industry/grantt timetable](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Food-Industry/grantt timetable)

For guidance notes and application forms: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/08/05125327/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/08/05125327/0)

Details about assisted areas:

[http://www.stateaidscotland.gov.uk/state\\_aid/SA\\_MainView.jsp?pContentID=1015&p\\_applic=CCC&p\\_service=Content.show&](http://www.stateaidscotland.gov.uk/state_aid/SA_MainView.jsp?pContentID=1015&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&)

All enquiries, email: [pmgenquiries@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pmgenquiries@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 0131 244 4762

### 3.5 LEADER Programme in Scotland

This is part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 (SRDP) and could potentially fund anaerobic digestion, composting or similar activities in rural areas, if carried out in collaboration with one of the Local Area Groups.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Any organisation, but the project needs to be 'community driven' and in a rural area.
Application deadline	Various
Grant rate	Various

LEADER is a bottom-up method of delivering support for rural development through implementing a local rural development strategy. Support will be aimed primarily at small-scale, community driven projects that are pilot and innovative in nature.

Funding is awarded by one of the twenty Local Action Groups (LAGs), who take decisions on projects which are community driven and have a wide community benefit.

For more information, guidance and general application forms:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/LEADER](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/LEADER)

This website also gives the contact details for the LAGs.

Scottish Government contacts:

Email: [jain.matheson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jain.matheson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 0131 244 6161

Email: [lorraine.mcewan@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.mcewan@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 0131 244 4157

### 3.6 Processing and Marketing Grant Scheme (Wales)

Potential funding, under Axis 1 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales (RDPW), for food waste processing in rural areas.

Geographical coverage	Wales only
Types of applicants	Micro to intermediate size businesses
Application deadline	Applications may be submitted at any time up to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012 and the appraisal process will normally take a maximum of three months.
Grant rate	Grant rates of 20% to 50% of eligible costs depending on size of organisation, location of project, and type of food being produced.

The Processing and Marketing Grant (PMG) is aimed at helping primary producers of agricultural and forestry products in Wales to add value to their outputs. It could support anaerobic digestion or similar treatment of food wastes if this was part of a wider food processing development project. It is not applicable for farm waste, only for wastes derived from the processing of food.

For more information about the RDPW generally:



[new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/?lang=en)

Web pages for the PMG scheme, including guidance notes:

[new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axis1/processandmarketinggrantscheme/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axis1/processandmarketinggrantscheme/?lang=en)

For all enquiries, contact the regional offices for the Food and Market Development Division of the Welsh Assembly Government:

Anglesey, Gwynedd, Flintshire, Denbighshire, Wrexham, Conwy

Email: [enquiriesNW@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesNW@wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel 01745 586153/586242

Powys, Ceredigion, Meirionnydd

Email: [enquiriesMW@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesMW@wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel 01970 613267

Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot

Email: [enquiriesSWW@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesSWW@wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel 01792 224530

Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Torfaen

Email: [enquiriesSEW@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesSEW@wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel 01443 845880

### 3.7 Axis 3 and 4 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales

Funding available for community-based rural projects, potentially including food waste treatment, run in collaboration with one of the eighteen local partnerships established to deliver the Axis 3 and 4 programmes.

Geographical coverage	Wales only
Types of applicants	Rural, including community-based / grass roots
Application deadline	Various
Grant rate	Various

Axis 3 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales (RDPW) covers rural quality of life and diversification of the rural economy. Axis 4 covers the community-led Leader approach applied to the objectives of the other three axes.

A rural food waste processing initiative may be fundable under one of these axes, if it fits into or collaborates with an existing project that has already been approved. A web link for details of existing projects is given below. An example of a relevant project is *Denbighshire Energy Pilots*, which will comprise a number of different initiatives and whose objectives include "to provide a local outlet for food waste or similar organic material to reduce the carbon footprint".

Expressions of interest (EoI) are also currently being invited for new projects under Axis 3 and 4: deadline for submitting a draft EoI is 1/3/10. Guidance is expected shortly on the Axis 3 and 4 web pages (see below).

For more information about the RDPW generally:

[new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/?lang=en)

Web pages for Axis 3 and 4 of the RDPW:

[new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axes3and4/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axes3and4/?lang=en)

Details of already approved projects under Axis 3 and 4:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/walesruralnetwork/ruralwalesnetworkdocument/projectdetailsthumbnails/?lang=en>

All enquiries: contact one of the local partnership groups:

[new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axes3and4/localcontacts/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axes3and4/localcontacts/?lang=en)

### 3.8 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP)

Limited opportunities for funding for specific types of projects involving anaerobic digestion in rural areas.

Geographical coverage	Northern Ireland only
Types of applicants	Any organisation

Application deadline	Ongoing
Grant rate	Various
<p>Funding may be available under the renewable energy measure of Axis 3 of the NIRDP towards an anaerobic digestion plant if this was being built to provide renewable energy for a farm diversification activity.</p> <p>NB Neither the Agricultural and Forestry Processing and Marketing Grant Scheme or the Farm Modernisation Programme of the NIRDP currently provides funding for anaerobic digestion or similar food waste processing.</p> <p>There may be new funding programmes suitable for food waste processing in the future.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rural-development/nirdp2007-2013.htm">www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rural-development/nirdp2007-2013.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rural-development/rdp-campaign.htm">www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rural-development/rdp-campaign.htm</a></p> <p>All enquiries, email: <a href="mailto:dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk">dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk</a> Tel. 028 9052 4130</p>	

### 3.9 Grid Connected Renewables Fund

A loan or a payment in return for share of future revenue or a grant, for projects that generate new renewable electricity to the national grid, including anaerobic digestion.

Geographical coverage	Yorkshire and Humberside only
Types of applicants	Any organisation
Application deadline	Deadlines under Round 6: 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 for Expressions of Interest and 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 for full application. Future rounds expected.
Grant limits	Can provide support between £20,000 and £500,000 per project, for up to 25% of project costs (see below).

The funding is broken down into three streams, each for a different type of project:

- 1 **Emerging technologies:** eg medium-scale renewable combined heat and power, medium-scale hydro, gasification or pyrolysis of biomass (including waste with a biomass component), solar electricity generation, wave and tidal power.
- 2 **Community renewables:** projects developed by or with local communities.
- 3 **Flagship projects:** the aim of this stream is to encourage the development of iconic renewable electricity generation installations, which will have high visibility to the general public and promote a positive image of renewable energy.

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The installation must generate electricity for the national grid from a renewable source and have an installed capacity exceeding 45 kW.

The support can comprise one of the following, or a mixture:

- **Loan:** can be unsecured, but interest normally charged at commercial rate.
- Maximum support: £200,000
- **Revenue share:** funding is repaid through a share of the project's income stream.
- Maximum support: £500,000
- **Grants:** only awarded if the project cannot go ahead without a grant.
- Maximum support: €200,000 (~£170,000)

More information, application forms and guidance notes available from:  
[www.fey.org.uk/site/Funding/GridConnectedRenewables/tabid/217/Default.aspx](http://www.fey.org.uk/site/Funding/GridConnectedRenewables/tabid/217/Default.aspx)  
All enquiries, email: [gcr@fey.org.uk](mailto:gcr@fey.org.uk) Tel. 0113 237 8422

### 3.10 Local Food

A grant from the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme that is suitable for community composting if

this benefits food growing. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED DUE TO HIGH NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.											
Geographical coverage	England only										
Types of applicants	Not for profit community groups and organisations (including public organisations if their projects are outside the scope of their statutory activities).										
Application deadline	Grants up to £300,000: there are no deadlines, it is a rolling programme. Grants above £300,000: deadline for First Stage Applications: end of June 2008.										
Grant limits	<p>Minimum £2,000, maximum £500,000.</p> <p>For grants up to £300,000 a maximum of 80% of the grant can be spent on capital funding.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th><th>Match funding needed</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Under £20,000</td><td>Not required</td></tr> <tr> <td>£20,001 to £100,000</td><td>10%</td></tr> <tr> <td>£100,001 to £300,000</td><td>20%</td></tr> <tr> <td>£300,001 and over</td><td>30%</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>At least 50% of a project's match funding has to be cash.</p>	Grant	Match funding needed	Under £20,000	Not required	£20,001 to £100,000	10%	£100,001 to £300,000	20%	£300,001 and over	30%
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<p>Local Food is a £50 million programme that will distribute lottery grants to a variety of food-related projects to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities.</p> <p>Grants are available for delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.</p> <p>For more information, guidance and application form: <a href="http://www.localfoodgrants.org">www.localfoodgrants.org</a>  All enquiries, email: <a href="mailto:localfood@rswt.org">localfood@rswt.org</a> Tel. 0845 3 671 671</p>											

### 3.11 Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

Grant funding for renewable energy installations for community organisations, run by Community Energy Scotland. This fund was previously part of the Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative. Anaerobic digestion is an eligible activity, but any AD applicants should talk to a CARES project officer early on to establish how the programme would support the project.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Not-for-profit community-based organisations
Application deadline	Ongoing
Grant limits	<p>Maximum £10,000 for project development /scoping studies.  Maximum £150,000 for installation costs.  50% maximum grant level.</p>
<p>Communities may apply for funding for technical assistance and capital grants for renewable energy equipment installation and associated costs. The project must entail the generation of energy from renewable means and also involve an assessment of measures to improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp">www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp</a></p> <p>To apply, or discuss a potential application, contact the main Community Energy Scotland office: email: <a href="mailto:info@communityenergyscotland.org.uk">info@communityenergyscotland.org.uk</a> Tel. 01349 860120.</p> <p>Or contact a local development officer: <a href="http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/team.asp">www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/team.asp</a></p>	

### 3.12 INCREASE III Programme

Four types of grants aimed at supporting community recycling organisations in Scotland to develop more financially self-reliant services. Some of the grants could be used for composting or other forms of food waste processing.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Non-profit distributing community organisations
Application deadline	Ongoing
Grant limits	Maximum £300,000 per project, £200,000 in any given year.
The aim of the INCREASE Programme (2008 to 2011) is to help not-for-profit, community based organisations	

develop projects that will increase the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste in line with the move towards a Zero Waste Scotland. The four strands of support grants are:

#### **INCREASE Capacity**

Designed to increase the internal capacity of an organisation to deliver services either existing or new including training, market research, development of a business case/plan for a new project, financial system review, partnership building, project development etc. INCREASE Capacity offers support through: student placements programme, Capacity Support, Interim Management, Tendering and Procurement, Market Development and Senior Management Training.

#### **INCREASE Small**

Funding available per project: up to £5,000.

INCREASE Small is specifically designed to provide quick intervention to organisations that will increase the level of materials they divert from landfill through waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and composting operations. This strand is limited to organisations with a turnover of less than £150,000.

#### **INCREASE Prevention**

**CURRENTLY CLOSED TO APPLICATIONS.** Previous information on this strand:

Funding available per project: £5,000 - £300,000

Project proposals should relate to the key objectives set out in the Waste Prevention Action Plan (see: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/23113217/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/02/23113217/0) )

#### **INCREASE Enterprise**

**CURRENTLY CLOSED TO APPLICATIONS.** Previous information on this strand:

Funding available per project: £5,000 - £300,000

Project proposals should include initiatives which aim to recycle, reuse or compost household, commercial and industrial waste, be innovative and / or commercially viable after start-up.

In each case, the application process starts with discussing the project with the regional office (see below) and then completing an outline proposal form.

For more information: [www.crns.org.uk/increase](http://www.crns.org.uk/increase)

All enquiries: see [www.crns.org.uk/increase/contact.html](http://www.crns.org.uk/increase/contact.html) for details of the regional contacts.

### **3.13 EON Sustainable Energy Fund**

An electricity supplier 'green fund' aimed at small scale renewable energy and energy reduction projects.

Geographical coverage	England, Scotland and Wales.
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Types of applicants	Local community groups and not for profit organisations. Joint proposals (e.g. with local authorities) will be considered, although the community organisation must lead the application.
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Application deadline	See website
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Grant limits	Maximum £20,000 grant. Up to 90% of project costs can be funded.
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As well as generating renewable energy or reducing energy consumption, projects must have a positive impact on the local community, in particular at least one of the following groups:

- Young people
- Elderly people
- People in fuel poverty

Funding cannot be granted solely for feasibility studies.

For more information, guidance and application form: [www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx](http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx)

All enquiries, email: [source@eon-uk.com](mailto:source@eon-uk.com)

### 3.14 Scottish Power Green Energy Trust

This electricity supplier 'green fund' supports small scale community-based environmental and educational renewable energy projects. This includes biomass-based installations, potentially including anaerobic digestion.

Geographical coverage	UK wide
Types of applicants	Community groups, not-for-profit organisations and charities
Application deadline	The evaluation panel meets three times a year, usually during the first week of April, September and December, to consider the applications.
Grant limits	The Trust can provide up to 50% of the project costs up to a maximum of £25,000 but most projects receive around £10,000.

Projects with an educational / public engagement element are more likely to be funded.

For more information, guidance and application form: [www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk](http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk)

Funding cannot be granted for feasibility studies.

All enquiries, email: [greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com](mailto:greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com) Tel. 0141 568 3492.

### 3.15 Edf Energy Green Fund

This electricity supplier 'green fund' supports small-scale renewable energy technology including feasibility studies.

Geographical coverage	England, Scotland or Wales
Types of applicants	Non profit or charitable organisations and or organisations involved in education and or work at community level
Application deadline	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2010, and also August 2010
Grant limits	The fund can provide up to 50% of the project costs up to a maximum of £30,000.

The installations funded should benefit local communities in addition to generating renewable energy. Funding may also be requested for feasibility studies into the installation of small-scale renewable energy technology.

For more information, guidance and application form:

[www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-green-products/green-energy-fund.shtml](http://www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-green-products/green-energy-fund.shtml)

All enquiries, email: [greenfund@edfenergy.com](mailto:greenfund@edfenergy.com) Tel. 0800 051 1905

### 3.16 The Climate Challenge Fund

A fund for community sector projects in Scotland to help reduce carbon emissions, run by Keep Scotland Beautiful. It will not provide funding for capital costs for energy generation equipment, but may be of interest for community-based food waste processing projects.

Geographical coverage	Scotland only
Types of applicants	Legally constituted not-for-profit community groups
Application deadline	Next deadline: 13th January 2010; further deadlines thereafter until March 2011.
Grant limits	Maximum: £1million. Can fund 100% of eligible costs.

For more information, guidance and application form: [www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/33.html](http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/33.html)

All enquiries, email: [ccfenquiries@ksbscotland.org.uk](mailto:ccfenquiries@ksbscotland.org.uk) Tel. 01786 471333

### 3.17 Shell Springboard

An award for new innovative ideas for a product or service that helps combat climate change.

Geographical coverage	UK wide
Types of applicants	Businesses
Application deadline	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2009. May be another deadline in late 2010.
Grant limits	Awards up to £40,000

For more information: [www.shellspringboard.org](http://www.shellspringboard.org)

All enquiries, email: [help@shellspringboard.org](mailto:help@shellspringboard.org) Tel. 0870 850 7085

### 3.18 Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy

Awards are open to any scheme which generates renewable energy or enables the provision of energy efficiency at a local level and scale anywhere within the UK. The scheme must have been generating energy for over a year and must also provide local social and economic benefits and serve as an inspiration for others.

Geographical coverage	UK wide
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Types of applicants	Any organisation
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Application deadline	2009 deadline has passed. May be available in 2010.
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Grant limits	First prize up to £20,000
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For more information: [www.ashdenawards.org/uk\\_awards](http://www.ashdenawards.org/uk_awards)

All enquiries: email [info@ashdenawards.org](mailto:info@ashdenawards.org) Tel. 020 7410 0330

### 3.19 CIP Eco-Innovation

Funding from the European Union Competitiveness and Innovation Programme. The funding supports new environmental solutions that contribute to the Environmental Technologies Action Plan (ETAP). It aims to bridge the gap between research/development and commercialisation.

Geographical coverage	Europe
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Types of applicants	Any organisation, but aimed at private sector. Priority will be given to small and medium enterprises. Clusters of applicants and projects which demonstrate a European added value and have a high potential for market replication are strongly encouraged.
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Application deadline	Currently closed. Next round expected in 2010
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Grant limits	The grant can cover 40% to 60% of eligible costs, depending on the type of organisation applying.
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Priority areas in the 2009 round of funding were: materials recycling (better sorting processes, innovative recycling products), sustainable buildings (innovative building processes and products), food & drink industrial processes (waste reduction, recycling & recovery), green business and smart purchasing.

The Eco-Innovation initiative is aimed at projects with an integrated approach, covering various environmental aspects such as resource optimisation including water, energy and raw materials, improving recycling and removing harmful chemicals – taking into account a life-cycle approach. Projects that focus primarily on energy generation are not supported by the Eco-innovation initiative.

More information: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/index_en.htm)

ETAP: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index_en.html)

### 3.20 LIFE+

The European Commission's main funding programme for the environment. An innovative approach to food waste processing may be fundable under the Environment Policy and Governance stream.

Geographical coverage	Europe
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Types of applicants	All organisations, but aimed at public sector
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Application deadline	Currently closed. Next round expected in 2010
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Grant limits	There is no fixed minimum project budget size, but the EC does seem to favour the co-financing of large, ambitious LIFE+ proposals with a substantial budget, with the average grant awarded in excess of € 1 million. Up to 50% of eligible costs can be funded.
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LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance supports technological projects that offer significant environmental benefits, for example process or efficiency improvements.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>  
[www.betateurope.co.uk/life.htm](http://www.betateurope.co.uk/life.htm)

All UK enquiries email: [jemma.ferguson@betatechnology.co.uk](mailto:jemma.ferguson@betatechnology.co.uk) Tel. 01302 322 633

### 3.21 Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

The objective of the IEE Programme is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe.

Geographical coverage	Europe
Types of applicants	Collaborations between organisations
Application deadline	Currently closed. Next round expected in 2010.
Grant limits	In practice, projects with a total budget below €500,000 or above €2.5 million are the exception, whilst most are around € 1 million.

The objective of the IEE II Programme is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe, by providing for action:

- to foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources
- to promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification
- to promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy sources in transport

IEE projects are of a "soft" nature: they normally aim to trigger market mechanisms or to induce third parties to take action in line with the Programme's objectives. The programme does not support costs related to investments in new technologies.

More information: [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call\\_for\\_proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm)  
[www.energiehelpline.co.uk](http://www.energiehelpline.co.uk)

All UK enquiries: Helen Fairclough, email: [energie@enviros.com](mailto:energie@enviros.com) Tel. 0161 874 3636

## 4.0 Grants for business development

There are various grants and support programmes to help businesses to grow in the UK, some of which may be relevant for new food waste processing ventures.

**Grant for Business Investment** (GBI) in England, **Regional Selective Assistance** (RSA) in Scotland, the **Single Investment Fund** in Wales, and the **ENI Loan Fund** in Northern Ireland are programmes that provide capital funding support to UK businesses investing in Assisted Areas (defined geographical areas that have been identified as needing particular economic support), with a strong focus on job creation.

NB *Grant for Business Investment* in England replaced the similar *Selective Finance for Investment* in 2008 and is run as part of a suite of services known as **Solutions for Business**. The Single Investment Fund in Wales replaced the *Regional Selective Assistance* scheme.

The **European Regional Development Fund** (ERDF) is directed at projects offering substantial benefits which meet the needs of an area and would not take place without a grant. It is used to provide help towards the project costs. These grants are set at a minimum level required to allow the project to go ahead. ERDF funding is not normally provided directly to an individual business but through regional or local funding programmes. An individual organisation seeking funding for developing new food waste processing would need to contact one of the local delivery partners chosen by the regional funding programme to distribute the 'commissioning' element of the funds.

For more information on these and other types of business development grant it is best to refer directly to the appropriate regional organisation that administers them: web links and contact details are given below. For ERDF funding, the regional contacts listed below should be able to advise which is the most appropriate local delivery organisation to contact.

General business support, including identifying appropriate grants, is available from Business Link in England and similar organisations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland: web links are given below.

### 4.1 Business Development Grants - England

**Grant for Business Investment** [www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/regional/investment/page29183.html](http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/regional/investment/page29183.html)

**ERDF** [www.communities.gov.uk/citiesandregions/european/europeanregionaldevelopment](http://www.communities.gov.uk/citiesandregions/european/europeanregionaldevelopment)

**General business support**



Business Link: [www.businesslink.co.uk](http://www.businesslink.co.uk) Tel. 0845 600 9 006

Solutions for Business: [www.businesslink.gov.uk/solutions](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/solutions)

<b>South East England</b>	<b>South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global_Competitiveness/Funding_%26_Advice/Business_Grants">www.seeda.co.uk/Global_Competitiveness/Funding_%26_Advice/Business_Grants</a> <a href="http://www.financesoutheast.com">www.financesoutheast.com</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/European_Initiatives/European_Regional_Development_Fund/South_East_ERDF_Competitiveness_Programme/index.asp">www.seeda.co.uk/European_Initiatives/European_Regional_Development_Fund/South_East_ERDF_Competitiveness_Programme/index.asp</a> Enquiries: Nimalini Perera, European Programmes Team Email: <a href="mailto:ERDFenquiries@seeda.co.uk">ERDFenquiries@seeda.co.uk</a> Tel. 01483 501 310
<b>London</b>	<b>London Development Agency</b> Funding for businesses: <a href="http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100I002">www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100I002</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100I003001">www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/nav.00100I003001</a>
<b>South West England</b>	<b>South West of England Regional Development Agency</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/business-growth/finance/funding.shtm">www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/business-growth/finance/funding.shtm</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/policy/european-prog/european-programmes.shtm">www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/policy/european-prog/european-programmes.shtm</a>
<b>East of England</b>	<b>East of England Development Agency (EEDA)</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.eeda.org.uk/finance-for-innovation.asp">www.eeda.org.uk/finance-for-innovation.asp</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.eeda.org.uk/erdf.asp">www.eeda.org.uk/erdf.asp</a> Enquiries: email: <a href="mailto:erdf@eeda.org.uk">erdf@eeda.org.uk</a>
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.emda.org.uk/funding/grant-schemes.asp?nav=08&amp;snaw=0801">www.emda.org.uk/funding/grant-schemes.asp?nav=08&amp;snaw=0801</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.eastmidlandserdf.org.uk/">www.eastmidlandserdf.org.uk/</a> Enquiries: email: <a href="mailto:europeanenquiries@emd.org.uk">europeanenquiries@emd.org.uk</a> Tel. 0115 947 1727
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>Advantage West Midlands</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/grant-for-business-investment.aspx">www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/grant-for-business-investment.aspx</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/erdf-programme">www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/erdf-programme</a> Enquiries: Emma Smith, European Programmes Coordinator email: <a href="mailto:emmasmith@advantagewm.co.uk">emmasmith@advantagewm.co.uk</a> Tel. 0121 503 3222
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humber</b>	<b>Yorkshire Forward</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/funding-for-businesses">www.yorkshire-forward.com/helping-businesses/funding-for-businesses</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/about/our-funding/erdf">www.yorkshire-forward.com/about/our-funding/erdf</a> Enquiries: email: <a href="mailto:erdfenquiry@yorkshire-forward.com">erdfenquiry@yorkshire-forward.com</a>
<b>North East</b>	<b>One NorthEast (ONE)</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/finance/regionalsupport/grants.cfm">www.onenortheast.co.uk/finance/regionalsupport/grants.cfm</a> <a href="http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/finance.cfm">www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/finance.cfm</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/erdf/index.cfm">www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/erdf/index.cfm</a> Enquiries: email: <a href="mailto:erdf@onenortheast.co.uk">erdf@onenortheast.co.uk</a>
<b>North West</b>	<b>Northwest Regional Development Agency</b> Funding for businesses, including Grant for Business Investment: <a href="http://www.nwdabusinessfinance.co.uk">www.nwdabusinessfinance.co.uk</a> ERDF: <a href="http://www.erdfnw.co.uk">www.erdfnw.co.uk</a> Enquiries: email <a href="mailto:erdf@nwda.co.uk">erdf@nwda.co.uk</a> Tel. 01925 400100

## 4.2 Business Development Grants - Scotland

### Regional Selective Assistance and general business support

Scottish Enterprise (Southern Scotland): [www.scottish-enterprise.com/](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/)

Email: [enquiries@scotent.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@scotent.co.uk) Tel. 0845 607 8787 or 0141 228 2000

Highlands and Islands Enterprise: [www.hie.co.uk](http://www.hie.co.uk)

Tel. 01463 234171 Email: [info@hient.co.uk](mailto:info@hient.co.uk)

See also:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/support](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/support)

[www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk](http://www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk)

### **ERDF**

Southern Scotland: [www.esep.co.uk/01-erdf-programme.html](http://www.esep.co.uk/01-erdf-programme.html)

Highlands and Islands: [www.hipp.org.uk](http://www.hipp.org.uk)

## **4.3 Business Development Grants - Wales**

### **Regional Selective Assistance**

[new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/4038231141/40382112411/rsa\\_eng.pdf?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/docrepos/40382/4038231141/40382112411/rsa_eng.pdf?lang=en)

West Wales: email: [RSA.SWWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:RSA.SWWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 01792 224555

North Wales: email: [RSA.NWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:RSA.NWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 01492 542511

East Wales: email: [RSA.SEWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:RSA.SEWales@Wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 029 2082 3375

### **ERDF**

### **Welsh European Funding Office**

[www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=2215](http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=2215)

Email: [enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk) Tel. 0845 010 3355

### **General business support**

Business Support Wales (from the Welsh Assembly Government)

[www.business-support-wales.gov.uk](http://www.business-support-wales.gov.uk) Tel. 03000 603 000

## **4.4 Business Development Grants – Northern Ireland**

### **Enterprise Northern Ireland Loan Fund**

[www.enterpriseni.com/Content.aspx?nSectionId=8&nSubSectionId=8&nContentId=24](http://www.enterpriseni.com/Content.aspx?nSectionId=8&nSubSectionId=8&nContentId=24)

### **General business support**

Enterprise Northern Ireland: [www.enterpriseni.com](http://www.enterpriseni.com) Email: [pa@enterpriseni.com](mailto:pa@enterpriseni.com) Tel 028 7776 3555

Invest Northern Ireland: [www.investni.com](http://www.investni.com)

### **Grants and support directory**

[www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/bdotg/action/gsd?site=191&r.s=sl](http://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/bdotg/action/gsd?site=191&r.s=sl)

### **ERDF**

[www.detini.gov.uk](http://www.detini.gov.uk) Tel. 028 9052 9900 (DETI switchboard)

## **5.0 Grants for research and development**

### **5.1 Government Grants for Research and Development (England)**

These grants are designed to help individuals and small and medium-sized businesses research and develop technologically innovative products and processes. These grants are administered by the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs).

[www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&itemId=1074469930](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&itemId=1074469930)

[www.dius.gov.uk/innovation/business\\_support/research\\_and\\_development](http://www.dius.gov.uk/innovation/business_support/research_and_development)

Links to the RDAs are given in [www.englandsrdas.com/visit\\_rdas/](http://www.englandsrdas.com/visit_rdas/). The web pages on grants for businesses research and development are generally under the business support pages for each RDA (see Section 4.1).

### **5.2 SMART:SCOTLAND Innovation grants**

Financial assistance from Scottish Enterprise to individuals and SMEs to help support commercially viable projects which represent a significant technological advance for the UK sector or industry concerned.

[www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk/rsa/998.html](http://www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk/rsa/998.html)

### 5.3 Single Investment Fund and Local Investment Fund (Wales)

A programme designed to support business growth including innovation and research and development. This scheme replaced SMARTCymru.

[www.business-support-wales.gov.uk/assembly\\_government\\_support/business\\_funding.aspx](http://www.business-support-wales.gov.uk/assembly_government_support/business_funding.aspx)

### 5.4 Grant for R&D (Northern Ireland)

A range of financial and advisory R&D support from Invest NI, through a single gateway.

[www.investni.com/index/grow/research\\_and\\_development/grant\\_for\\_r\\_d.htm](http://www.investni.com/index/grow/research_and_development/grant_for_r_d.htm)

### 5.5 Innovation Vouchers

Innovation Vouchers can be provided to businesses, entrepreneurs and social enterprises to purchase expertise from registered universities, colleges etc to develop innovation and enhance business.

**England:** [www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&itemId=1082208892](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/detail?type=RESOURCES&itemId=1082208892)

(See also the business support web pages of Regional Development Agencies - see Section 4.1)

**Scotland:** [www.interface-online.org.uk/3410](http://www.interface-online.org.uk/3410)

**Wales:** [www.business-support-wales.gov.uk/assembly\\_government\\_support/innovation.aspx](http://www.business-support-wales.gov.uk/assembly_government_support/innovation.aspx)

**Northern Ireland:** [www.innovationvouchers.com](http://www.innovationvouchers.com)

### 5.6 European 7<sup>th</sup> Research framework programme, FP7: Energy research

The objective of energy research under FP7 is to aid the creation and establishment of the technologies necessary to adapt the current energy system into a more sustainable, competitive and secure one. Emphasis is given to several areas of research including renewable energy generation.

[cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home_en.html)

[www.fp7uk.co.uk/Site/ThematicAreas/Energy/default.cfm](http://www.fp7uk.co.uk/Site/ThematicAreas/Energy/default.cfm)

[www.fp7uk.co.uk/Site/ThematicAreas/Energy/default.cfm](http://www.fp7uk.co.uk/Site/ThematicAreas/Energy/default.cfm)

All UK enquiries: Helen Fairclough, email: [energie@enviros.com](mailto:energie@enviros.com) Tel. 0161 874 3636

### 5.7 Energy Technologies Institute (ETI)

The ETI is a private sector – UK government partnership organisation.

Typically a small number of large projects are chosen to be funded which will demonstrate full system-level solutions. ETI helps companies form consortia that will have all the expertise required to deliver the project and take it to eventual commercial deployment. 100% of the project costs can be funded.

There are currently no requests for proposals, but this may change in the future.

[www.energytechnologies.co.uk](http://www.energytechnologies.co.uk) Tel. 01509 202020

### 5.8 Carbon Trust Applied Research

Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses and research institutions and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technology with the potential to reduce UK carbon dioxide emissions. When a call for proposals is open, organisations can apply on-line for a grant of up to £500,000 towards the cost of a project. A minimum 40% match funding is required.

[www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/)

## 6.0 Other support

The environment, sustainable development or waste departments of the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) in England should be able to give further advice and support for any food waste processing enterprise and may have funding available. The RDAs are listed in Sections 3.2 and 4.1, and also at

[www.englandsrdas.com/visit\\_rdas](http://www.englandsrdas.com/visit_rdas)

In Yorkshire and Humberside, Resource Efficiency Yorkshire may be able provide funding in the for food waste processing installations: [www.resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk](http://www.resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk) Email: [info@resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk](mailto:info@resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk) Tel. 0113 237 8419

## 6.1 Searchable grants databases

- **Business Gateway Finance Tool** - This tool can provide a personalised list of the most suitable finance options for a business in Scotland - [www.bgateway.com/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=1074441426&r.li=1080758166&r.l1=1073858790&site=202](http://www.bgateway.com/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=1074441426&r.li=1080758166&r.l1=1073858790&site=202)
- **Business Link Grants and Support Directory** - The directory allows a search for potential sources of help with starting up or developing a business. The database contains grant and support schemes from central and local government as well as private organisations - [www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsd?r.l1=1073858790&r.l2=1073866776&r.s=tl](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsd?r.l1=1073858790&r.l2=1073866776&r.s=tl)
- **Energy Saving Trust Database** - This funding database has links to a wide range of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures from a variety of organisations - [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/business/Business/Resources/Search-for-available-funding](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/business/Business/Resources/Search-for-available-funding)
- **Future Energy Yorkshire Funding Tool** - A database of funding for renewable energy projects. It is focussed on Yorkshire and Humberside, but many of the funding sources are also applicable UK-wide - [www.fey.org.uk/eddy/default.aspx](http://www.fey.org.uk/eddy/default.aspx)
- **Government Funding Database** - This site is the online portal to grants for the voluntary and community sector from many UK government funders - [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)
- **GRANTfinder** - a user-friendly funding database carrying details in excess of 4,000 UK and EU grants, loans, venture capital and advisory programmes - [www.grantfinder.co.uk](http://www.grantfinder.co.uk) See also: [www.ida.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.2122](http://www.ida.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.2122)
- **Green Grants Machine** - Information on all the latest funding schemes to enable a company to become more environmentally friendly. Search the funding database to find grants, loans and awards available to help businesses go green and save on energy bills - [www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk](http://www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk)

## 6.2 Other useful contacts

- **Action Renewables (Northern Ireland)** - The leading organisation in Northern Ireland in the promotion and development of renewable energy - [www.actionrenewables.org](http://www.actionrenewables.org)
- **Anaerobic Digestion** - England's Official Information Portal on Anaerobic Digestion (run by the National Non-Food Crops Centre) - [www.biogas-info.co.uk](http://www.biogas-info.co.uk)
- **Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association** - The trade association for the biogas industries, represents all those involved in the design and build of the biogas infrastructure of Britain - [www.adbiogas.co.uk](http://www.adbiogas.co.uk)
- **Anaerobic Digestion Systems** - Web resource run by an independent consultant - [www.anaerobic-digestion.com](http://www.anaerobic-digestion.com)
- **Association for Organics Recycling** - Membership body for organisations involved in composting and other forms of sustainable management of biodegradable resources - [www.organics-recycling.org.uk](http://www.organics-recycling.org.uk)
- **BBSRC Sustainable Bioenergy Centre** - An academic-industry research partnership to underpin development in the emerging bioenergy sector - [www.bsbec.bbsrc.ac.uk](http://www.bsbec.bbsrc.ac.uk)
- **Biofertiliser Certification Scheme** - The Biofertiliser Certification Scheme provides assurance to consumers, farmers, food producers and retailers that biofertiliser is safe and of good quality - [www.biofertiliser.org.uk](http://www.biofertiliser.org.uk)
- **Biomass Energy Centre (BEC)** - A 'one stop shop' to provide information to anyone in the UK with an interest in biomass derived solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and associated conversion technologies - [www.biomassenergycentre.org.uk](http://www.biomassenergycentre.org.uk)
- **Biomethane Transport Forum** - A networking community of organisations from the private and public sectors with interests in the development of biomethane as a road transport fuel - [www.biomethane.org.uk](http://www.biomethane.org.uk)
- **Business Gateway** - Practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses in Scotland - [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)
- **Business Link** - Practical advice for businesses in England - [www.businesslink.co.uk](http://www.businesslink.co.uk)
- **Business Support Wales** - Practical advice for businesses in Wales - [www.business-support-wales.gov.uk](http://www.business-support-wales.gov.uk)

- **Carbon Trust** - Set up by the government to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy by working with organisations to reduce carbon emissions and develop commercial low carbon technologies - [www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk)
- **Combined Heat and Power Association** - Membership body working to promote the wider use of combined heat and power and community heating - [www.chpa.co.uk](http://www.chpa.co.uk)
- **Community Composting Network** - Membership body that supports and promotes the community management and use of waste bio-degradable resources - [www.communitycompost.org](http://www.communitycompost.org)
- **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)** - The UK Government's main environment department - [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/ad/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/ad/index.htm)
- **Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)** - The UK Government's department responsible for energy policy and climate change mitigation policy - [www.decc.gov.uk](http://www.decc.gov.uk)
- **Energy North East** - Portal with information, resources and links relating to the energy sector in North East England - [www.energynortheast.net](http://www.energynortheast.net)
- **Energy Saving Trust** - Help and support for householders, community organisations and housing professionals on energy saving and small scale renewable energy - [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)
- **Environment Agency** - Environmental regulator for England and Wales - [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Future Energy Yorkshire** - Established to secure the economic opportunities arising from new and renewable energy technologies and projects across the Yorkshire and Humber region and to deliver greenhouse gas emissions reductions to meet regional targets - [www.fey.org.uk](http://www.fey.org.uk)
- **London Energy Partnership** - A consortium of businesses, government and public bodies which aims to transform London into a world-class city for sustainable energy - [www.lep.org.uk](http://www.lep.org.uk)
- **National Non-Food Crops Centre** - The UK's national centre for renewable fuels, materials and technologies - [www.nnfcc.co.uk](http://www.nnfcc.co.uk)
- **Netregs** - Environmental guidance for small and medium-sized businesses in the UK - [www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/businesses/agriculture/96195.aspx](http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/businesses/agriculture/96195.aspx)
- **Northern Ireland Business Info** - Practical advice for Northern Ireland Business - [www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk](http://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk)
- **Northern Ireland Environment Agency** - Northern Ireland's environmental regulator - [www.ni-environment.gov.uk](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk)
- **Ofgem** - Government office dealing with regulation of energy, CHP, ROCs, LECs, CCLs - [www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk)
- **Resource Efficiency Yorkshire** - Works in partnership with national and regional stakeholders to stimulate the market for recycled materials throughout the recycling chain in Yorkshire and Humberside - [www.resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk](http://www.resourceefficiency-yorkshire.org.uk)
- **RegenSW** - The sustainable energy agency for South West England - [www.regensw.co.uk](http://www.regensw.co.uk)
- **Remade Network UK** - Connects organisations and programmes working to find uses for waste as a resource and minimise its impact on the environment by identifying alternatives to landfill - [www.remadenetwork.org.uk](http://www.remadenetwork.org.uk)
- **Renewable Energy Association** - Represents renewable energy producers and promotes the use of sustainable energy in the UK - [www.r-e-a.net](http://www.r-e-a.net)
- **Renewable Fuels Agency** - Government body set up to implement the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation - [www.renewablefuelsagency.org](http://www.renewablefuelsagency.org)
- **Renewables East** - The agency for renewable energy in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire - [www.renewableseast.org.uk](http://www.renewableseast.org.uk)
- **Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative (SCHRI)** - Support for the development of community scale renewables and for the installation of household renewables - [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/schri](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/schri)
- **Scottish Enterprise** - Supporting Scotland's growing businesses - [www.scottish-enterprise.com](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com)
- **Scottish Environment Protection Agency** - Scotland's environmental regulator - [www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk)
- **Wales Centre of Excellence for Anaerobic Digestion** - Provides technical and non-technical support for the rapid deployment of anaerobic digestion in Wales - [www.walesadcentre.org.uk](http://www.walesadcentre.org.uk)
- **Wales Environment Trust** - Established to develop local markets for recycle in Wales - [www.walesenvtrust.org.uk](http://www.walesenvtrust.org.uk)
- **Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)** - WRAP works with local authorities, business and households to prevent waste, increase recycling and develop markets for recycled and sustainable products - [www.wrap.org.uk/composting](http://www.wrap.org.uk/composting)
- **Waste Online** - In depth information on waste - [www.wasteonline.org.uk](http://www.wasteonline.org.uk)

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